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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 23 September 1994, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 36th, 37th and 38th meetings, on 21 and 22 December 1994. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.36-38).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.5/49/L.18 AND Rev.1

3. At the 36th meeting, on 21 December 1994, the Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique" (A/C.5/49/L.18), which read:

> "The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/240 B of 29 July 1994, and pending its review of the reports of the Secretary-General 1/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique:

1/ A/49/649 and Add.1.

2/ A/49/____.

"(a) Authorizes the Secretary-General, on an exceptional basis, to enter into commitments up to the amount of 50,416,300 United States dollars gross (49,656,500 dollars net) for the maintenance of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995, inclusive of the amount of 25 million dollars concurred in by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/240 B;

"(b) Decides to apportion, as an ad hoc arrangement, the amount indicated in paragraph (a) above among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 30,118,829 dollars gross (29,664,922 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is, 20,297,471 dollars gross (19,991,578 dollars net), for the period from 1 to 31 January 1995;

"(c) Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph (b) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 759,800 dollars for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995 inclusive; 453,907 dollars being the amount pertaining to the period from 16 November to 31 December 1994, and the balance, that is, 305,893 dollars, to the period from 1 to 31 January 1995."

4. At the 38th meeting, on 22 December 1994, the Chairman submitted a revised draft decision (A/C.5/49/L.18/Rev.1).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted revised draft decision A/C.5/49/L.18/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/___.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 48/240 B of 29 July 1994, and pending its review of the reports of the Secretary-General 5/ and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 6/ on the financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique:

(a) Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments up to the amount of 25,416,300 United States dollars gross (24,656,500 dollars net), with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee, for the liquidation of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique for the period from 16 November 1994 to 31 January 1995, in addition to the amount of 25 million dollars commitment authority already granted by the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 48/240 B;

(b) Requests the Advisory Committee to present a written report on the revised cost estimates for the liquidation phase as contained in the report of the Secretary-General 5/ as soon as possible and no later than 15 January 1995, to enable the General Assembly to take a decision before 31 January 1995 on the assessment of the commitment authority granted above;

(c) Recalls its request in paragraph 16 of resolution 48/240 B for a report on the liquidation phase of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique, and requests the Secretary-General to present a preliminary report on this issue as soon as possible to facilitate the decision of the General Assembly on the assessment referred to above.

5/ A/49/649 and Add.1.

6/ A/49/___.